

MINUTES
CITY OF EDINA MINNESOTA
ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION
EDINA CITY HALL COMMUNITY ROOM
Thursday April 9, 2015
7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER 7:00p.m.

II. ROLL CALL Answering Roll Call was Anderson, Glahn, Gubrud, Howard, Manser, Seeley, Thompson, Waddick, and Chair Kostuch

Late: Satterlee, Sierks, and Zarrin

Absent: Padmanabhan

Staff Present: Ross Bintner and Rebecca Foster

Member Satterlee arrived at 7:01p.m.

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Motion made by Member Gubrud and seconded by Member Howard to approve the Meeting Agenda.

Motion carried unanimously.

Member Zarrin arrived at 7:12p.m.

IV. ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes. No Comment.

B. Attendance report and roster. No Comment.

C. Workgroup list and minutes. Member Gubrud requested the day of the Education and Outreach Working Group change from first Tuesday of the month to the first Thursday. He requested the spelling of his working group member be changed from Pretice to Prentice.

Motion made by Member Gubrud and seconded by Member Thompson to approve the remaining Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Member Sierks arrived at 7:14p.m.

V. COMMUNITY COMMENT. Karin Schaefer, Executive Director MN Beef Council, says the "Cowspiracy" movie is only looking at one study in 2006. The researchers say that there are flaws in the study saying that livestock contribute to 30% of global warming in US and throughout the world. It wasn't a global study it was just within the US. The EPA says only 3% of global warming is from livestock. She would like to have the EEC show the movie "Farmland" which is about pro-agriculture.

VI. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Recap of 4/7/15 Discussion at Council Work Session. Chair Kostuch reviewed the Council Work Session. He said Scott Neal admitted that there are no environment efforts in the CIP. The Council said the EEC should be proud of their accomplishments, but it was city staff that drove the projects, Business Recycling (Bill Neuendorf), Solar Panels (Scot Neal), and PACE (Scott Neal). Chair Kostuch was disappointed by the Mayor asking what to do about the City's Fleet when the EEC told the Council what to do with it in the Fleet Advisory. Chair Kostuch was shocked to hear the Council looks at them for the "How", because the EEC is a group of nonprofessionals who don't know how the city's operations work and only meet a couple hours a month. The City is a bunch of silos with lots of demands on City staff, so

it's hard to get things done. The EEC would like to have a budget for Sustainability uses. The EEC 2015 Workplan explains the "how", so the members created a smaller group to meet with Scott Neal and Kevin Staunton to figure out how to get top down success with implementing sustainability within city operations. Keith nominated Sarah Zarrin to lead and chair the small group with the participation of Kevin Staunton and Bill Seirks. The first meeting will be with Scott Neal. It was asked if anyone, 1 or 2, members would like to join the group, let Sarah know. Specifically, it was asked the new members, if desire, to join this group. We would like to keep the group small and focused. It was agreed and passed by all members.

Scott Neal will be attending the May EEC meeting to talk with the Members and discuss the Xcel Franchise agreement.

- B. Succession Planning for EEC. Chair Kostuch discussed how there will be four members terminating off at the end of this year and explained which working groups need to receive Chairs to continue. Chair Kostuch Chairs the Procurement Report which is a summary from the City Manager explaining what sustainability projects have been implemented during the past year. Chair Kostuch also Chairs the City Environmental Considerations Subcommittee which makes sure the City incorporates sustainability in Capital Improvement Projects. Member Sierk Chairs the Building Energy Efficiency Subcommittee which makes sure the existing city buildings have energy efficiency and Community Solar Subcommittee to evaluate whether the City can host a Community Solar site. Member Thompson and Gubrud co-chair the Education Outreach working group which engages people on energy efficiency. Member Gubrud gives updates on the Home Energy Squad.
- C. EEC Meeting Process Discussion. Chair Kostuch requested Working Group and Subcommittee meeting minutes to be submitted to the meeting packet. Your verbal report should be what is your need or getting approval for a project from the Commission.
- D. Xcel Energy Franchise Ordinance. Member Kostuch said Scott will be at the May Meeting to discuss what he needs from the EEC. The Energy working group will talk to the City of Minneapolis, because they just wrote renewal energy into their agreement.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE & PETITIONS

- A. Email from Karin Schaefer - Executive Director MN Beef Council. Refer to Community Comment.

VIII. CHAIR AND COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS

- A. Building Energy Efficiency Subcommittee. No Comment.
- B. Business Recycling Working Group. Member Zarrin said the City of Minneapolis is going to model our Business Recycling efforts.
- C. City Environmental Considerations Subcommittee. No Comment.
- D. Community Solar Subcommittee. Member Thompson said they have 10 people interested in Community Solar and would like to turn the Subcommittee into a Working Group. Member Sierks said he'd like to have a more defined work plan before developing a working group. Member Thompson will reach out to the interested people and find out what their expertise and interests are to develop the work plan.
- E. Education Outreach Working Group. Member Howard said there will be a panel discussion after the movie "Cowspiracy." This movie has received a lot of controversy.

Motion made by Member Glahn and seconded by Chair Kostuch to not show the Cowspiracy movie. Member Glahn Opposed. Chair Kostuch Abstained. Motion not carried.

Chair Kostuch said that future movie posters should have a disclaimer on the posters that the City of Edina doesn't endorse the movie.

Member Zarrin excused herself from the meeting at 8:26pm.

Motion made by Chair Kostuch and seconded by Member Thompson that in the future the Education and Outreach Working Group take a more formalized approach to getting the full commission approval as opposed just being informational. Motion carried unanimously.

Member Howard is proposing the movies "Farmland" or "Revenge of Electric Car" for the May movie.

Motion made by Member Howard and seconded by Member Thompson to play the movie Revenge of the Electric Car for the 3rd Friday in May. Member Glahn Opposed. Member Howard Abstained. Motion carried.

Member Thompson gave an update on the April forum. There were 189 participants with a lot of active youth hosting it.

- F. Home Energy Squad Subcommittee. Mr. Bintner said he prepaid \$1500 to the Home Energy Squad. Member Gubrud will be writing an article for the Fall About Town on Home Energy Squad.
- G. Local Food Working Group. Chair Kostuch will ask past Member Latham if this working group needs to exist.
- H. Recycling and Solid Waste Working Group. Keith Ellison went to Washington and discussed how great of a job 50th & France was doing with Business Recycling.
- I. Student Subcommittee. No Comment.
- J. Urban Forest Task Force. Chair Kostuch will ask past Member Latham if this task force needs to exist.
- K. Water Quality Working Group. Member Waddick said the group received a new member. They are working on their outreach with Arden Park to educate on buffers and stream bank restoration. Flyers will be dropped off door to door. The group will have a table at Arneson Park for the Mother's Day plant sale to talk about Storm Drain issues. The Storm Drain Stenciling will start again with two youth groups from Good Samaritan Church. About Town will have an article on Mow High and Storm Drain Stenciling.

IX. STAFF COMMENTS

- A. Maintaining an Aging Infrastructure. Mr. Bintner talked about how the City maintains its infrastructure. The City uses an Asset Management approach. We are now replacing infrastructure after its first cycle. Storm Sewer, Trails, and Sidewalk installs have increased when the City reconstructs a neighborhood while the road area is decreasing. The average lifecycle replacement is 80-85yrs.

Member Seeley excused herself from the meeting at 9:14pm.

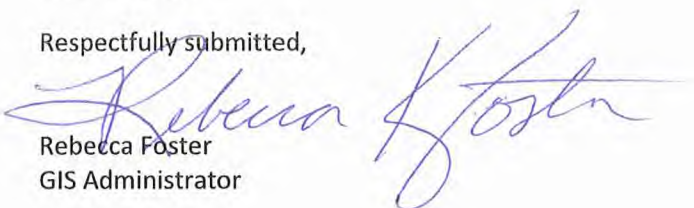
- B. 2015-2016 EEC Term Summary / Council Advisory Status / Workplan. No Comment.

There being no further business on the Commission Agenda, Chair Kostuch declared the meeting adjourned at 9:16p.m.

Motion made by Member Glahn and seconded by Member Waddick to adjourn meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Foster
GIS Administrator



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Meetings/Work Sessions		J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	Work Session	Work Session	# of Mtgs.	Attendance %
NAME	TERM													4/7/2015	(Enter Date)		
Glahn, William	2/1/2017	1	1	1	1	1										5	83%
Gubrud, Bob	2/1/2016		1	1	1	1								1		5	83%
Howard, John	2/1/2016	1	1	1	1	1								1		6	100%
Kostuch, Keith	2/1/2016	1	1	1	1	1								1		6	100%
Manser, Richard	3/1/2018			1	1	1								1		4	100%
Satterlee, Lauren	3/1/2018			1	1									1		3	75%
Seeley, Melissa	3/1/2018			1	1	1								1		4	100%
Sierks, Bill	2/1/2016	1	1	1	1	1								1		6	100%
Thompson, Paul	2/1/2016	1	1	1	1	1								1		6	100%
Waddick, Louise	2/1/2017	1	1	1	1	1								1		6	100%
Zarrin, Sarah	3/1/2018			1	1	1								1		4	67%
Heer, John	2/1/2015	1	1													2	100%
Latham, Dianne Plunkett	2/1/2015	1	1													2	100%
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Anderson, Reilly	9/1/2015	1	1	1	1	1										5	83%
Padmanabhan, Sunaya	9/1/2015	1	1	1		1										4	67%

Liaisons: Report attendance monthly and attach this report to the Commission minutes for the packet.

Do not enter numbers into the last two columns. Meeting numbers & attendance percentages will calculate automatically.

<u>INSTRUCTIONS:</u>	<u>Counted as Meeting Held (ON MEETINGS' LINE)</u>	<u>Attendance Recorded (ON MEMBER'S LINE)</u>
Regular Meeting w/Quorum	Type "1" under the month on the meetings' line.	Type "1" under the month for each attending member.
Regular Meeting w/o Quorum	Type "1" under the month on the meetings' line.	Type "1" under the month for each attending member.
Joint Work Session	Type "1" under "Work Session" on the meetings' line.	Type "1" under "Work Session" for each attending member.
Rescheduled Meeting*	Type "1" under the month on the meetings' line.	Type "1" under the month for each attending member.
Cancelled Meeting	Type "1" under the month on the meetings' line.	Type "1" under the month for ALL members.
Special Meeting	There is no number typed on the meetings' line.	There is no number typed on the members' lines.

*A rescheduled meeting occurs when members are notified of a new meeting date/time at a prior meeting. If shorter notice is